

Title (en)  
Miniaturized motor with gearbox

Title (de)  
Miniaturmotor mit Getriebegehäuse

Title (fr)  
Moteur miniaturisé avec boîte d'engrenage

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Abstract (en)  
A miniaturized motor includes a DC motor (10), a worm (26), a pinion gear (33), a worm gear (35), at least one cluster gear (39, 41, 49, 51), an output gear (59) and an output shaft (60). The gears form a gear train extending from the DC motor to the output shaft. A boss stabilizes the pinion gear by extending downwardly from inside the cover. Acoustical chambers packed with grease suppress noise generated by the gear train. A PC board (54) is also provided on the cover to energize the DC motor. The output shaft may drive either a product mover for beverage cans inside a vending machine or another type of electromechanical unit requiring the application of high torque in a small space. A cradle bearing inside a cover holds a hub of the worm and prevents the worm from bending, thus assuring a good mesh of the worm with the pinion gear. A nest encapsulates the worm, the pinion gear and the worm gear to ensure protection and structural integrity of the miniaturized motor within the small space. <IMAGE>

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